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September 29, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM
BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION**
(All Districts) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept and sign a grant award of \$30,000 from the Blue Shield of California Foundation to support LAC+USC Healthcare Network's participation in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "100K Lives Campaign" to implement best practices in the provision of health care services to reduce morbidity and mortality rates, effective retroactive from August 1, 2005 through August 1, 2006, at no net County cost.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept and sign a grant award from the Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF) that will allow the LAC+USC Healthcare Network (LAC+USC) to participate in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) 100K Lives Campaign. The mission of IHI's 100K Lives Campaign is to reduce morbidity and mortality rates by introducing best practices into the provision of health care in order to extend or save 100,000 lives nationwide by June 2006.

The best practices interventions that will be introduced during the 100K Lives Campaign are: Rapid Response Teams, Improved Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction, Prevention of Adverse Drug Events, Prevention of Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection, Prevention of Surgical Site Infection, and Prevention of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia.

The award is being made by BSCF's Hospital Scholarship Program which is providing funding to public hospitals nationwide to participate in this campaign.

The Department of Health Services was unable to submit the grant award by its effective date of August 1, 2005 because the grant award letter was not received until July 22, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The \$30,000 grant award will be utilized to partially offset the salary costs of existing LAC+USC staff who will implement and oversee the goals of the 100K Lives Campaign.

There are no net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On July 22, 2005, LAC+USC Medical Center was notified that they were approved for a BSCF grant award in the amount of \$30,000 to participate in the 100K Lives Campaign, for the period of August 1, 2005 through August 1, 2006.

The IHI is a not-for-profit organization that promotes improvement of health by advancing the quality and value of health care services. IHI's goal is to accelerate change in health care by cultivating concepts for improving patient care and turning those ideas into action.

The goal of IHI's 100K Lives campaign is to radically reduce morbidity and mortality rates by introducing proven best practices into health care systems. The campaign aims to enlist thousands of hospitals across the country in a commitment to implement changes in health care that have been proven to prevent avoidable deaths.

Similar to IHI's goals, part of LAC+USC's vision is to be nationally recognized for superior patient care. To achieve this vision, LAC+USC has established quality and performance improvement goals to identify and implement best practices and benchmarks for targeted conditions, patient flow and patient safety.

LAC+USC's participation in this grant funded program is to focus effort, expertise and resources into proven programs and procedures that are designed to result in measurable improvement in patient outcomes. LAC+USC Medical Center will be one of over 2,000 U.S. hospitals nationwide participating in this campaign.

The grant award (Exhibit I) has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

Attachment A provides additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

It is not appropriate to advertise grant awards on the Los Angeles County Online Web Site as a business opportunity.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Acceptance of the grant award will assist LAC+USC in continuing the development and implementation of changes in the provision of health care designed to assure the best possible outcomes for patients.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent.

Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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SUMMARY OF GRANT AWARD

1. Type of Service:

Grant award from Blue Shield of California Foundation to support LAC+USC Healthcare Network's participation in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "100K Lives Campaign".

2. Agency Name/Address/Contact Person:

Blue Shield of California Foundation
50 Beale Street
San Francisco, California 94105-1819
Attention: Lisa Payne-Simon, Program Director
Telephone: (415) 229-5800

3. Term:

Effective retroactive to August 1, 2005 through August 1, 2006.

4. Financial Information:

The grant award amount is \$30,000, effective August 1, 2005 through August 1, 2006.

5. Geographical Area to be Served:

Countywide.

6. Accountable for Monitoring and Evaluation:

Dr. Stephanie Hall, LAC+USC Healthcare Network

7. Approvals:

LAC+USC Medical Center: Dave Runke, Chief Financial Officer

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (as to form): Elizabeth J. Friedman, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

July 22, 2005

Exhibit I

Stephanie Hall
Associate Medical Director
Los Angeles County-Univ of Southern Ca Medical Center
1200 N State St Rm 1112
Los Angeles, CA 90033-1029

Dear Ms. Hall:

Congratulations. The Trustees of the Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF) have approved a grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the period August 1, 2005 – August 1, 2006 to Los Angeles County-Univ of Southern Ca Medical Center's (grantee) participation in **BSCF's Hospital Scholarship Program**. Funds provided under this grant will be used for to support your hospital's participation in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "100K Lives Campaign", working to reduce morbidity and mortality by introducing best practices to extend or save 100,000 lives nationwide by June, 2006. The key objectives for the program are: **1. Enrollment in IHI's "100K Lives Campaign"** (grantee will formally enroll in the Campaign by August 15, 2005 through www.ihl.org); **2. Completion of Implementation of Proposed Interventions by August 2006** (as outlined in your Program application); **3. Confidential Data Reporting to IHI** (grantee will report baseline and monthly raw hospital mortality and patient discharges to IHI); and **4. Sponsored Hospital Activities** (grantee will attend monthly Campaign conference calls). The activities supported by this grant are to be executed under your direction.

Payment of the grant funds will be made after receipt by the Foundation of a countersigned copy of this letter as soon as possible. To facilitate your receipt of the payment check, please indicate on the countersigned copy the name of the person in your organization to whom the checks should be sent.

By countersigning this letter, you accept full responsibility for control and expenditure of Foundation grant funds, and for complying with the following provisions:

1. Use of Grant Funds. Under United States law, Foundation grant funds, and income earned thereon, may be expended only for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes. This grant is made only for the purposes stated in this letter, and it is understood that these grant funds will be used for such purposes substantially in accordance with the approved budget. No substantial variances, including the timing of expenditures, will be made from the approved budget without the Foundation's prior approval *in writing*, and no funds provided under this grant may be used for any other project, nor transferred to any other person or organization.

2. Use of Income. The Foundation encourages, whenever feasible, the deposit of grant funds in an interest-bearing account. Any interest earned is to be used in direct furtherance of the purposes of the grant. Any grant funds, and any income earned thereon, not expended or committed for the purposes of the grant, shall be returned to the Foundation.

3. No Political Activity or Lobbying. Foundation grant funds may not be used by your organization to: (i) intervene in any election or support or oppose any political party or candidate for public office; or (ii) attempt to influence any legislation, within the meaning of section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

4. Required Reports. Written reports, signed by an appropriate officer of your organization, are to be furnished to the Foundation, to the attention of Andrew McFarland, by no later than the following dates:

February 1, 2006	Interim Report
September 1, 2006	Final Report

These reports should contain: (i) a detailed narrative account of what was accomplished by this grant, including a description of progress made toward achieving the goals of the grant described above; and (ii) a financial statement reflecting expenditures of the grant funds, and any income earned thereon, according to the categories of the approved budget, as of the end of the period covered by the report.

The purpose of these reports is to permit the Foundation to learn from its experience as a grantmaker and to meet its obligations under federal and state regulations. *Failure to submit these reports on time will disqualify your organization from receiving future funding from the Foundation.*

5. Evaluation and Monitoring. The Foundation may monitor and conduct an evaluation of operations under this grant. This may include a visit from Foundation staff, Trustees, and/or Foundation advisors, to observe your organization's program, discuss the program with your organization's personnel, and review financial and other records and materials connected with the activities financed by this grant. In addition, you shall provide to the Foundation copies of any publications or other materials produced, in full or in part, with Foundation funds.

6. Publicity. The Foundation may include basic information about this grant in its public reports and may also refer to the grant in a press release. If there are special considerations concerning the public announcement of this grant, or if you would like to coordinate a public announcement of your grant with the Foundation, we encourage you to contact the Program Director, Lisa Payne-Simon, to discuss your plans.

7. Tax Status. It is understood that by countersigning this letter, Los Angeles County- Univ of Southern Ca Medical Center confirms that it has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that is not a private foundation as described in section 509(a) of the Code, and that this determination has not been revoked or modified and continues in full force and effect. If the determination is revoked or modified, you must notify the Foundation immediately. No payment hereunder shall be required to be made at any time after your organization ceases to be an organization described in section 501(c)(3) that is not a private foundation.

If this letter correctly sets forth your understanding of the terms of this grant, please indicate your agreement to such terms by having the enclosed copy of this letter countersigned by an appropriate officer of your organization and returned to the Foundation to the attention of Andrew McFarland. If at any time during the life of this grant you have questions or if changes in circumstance arise, please feel free to contact the Program Director, Lisa Payne-Simon.

The Blue Shield of California Foundation is pleased to support your important work.

Sincerely,

Crystal Hayling
President and CEO

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Grantee: _____
EIN: _____
By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Direct payment check to:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
